

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT SAFFORD HEART FAILURE

A great shock went over the people of this place yesterday morning when the Gila Valley Farmer, published at Safford, when the word was given out that R. A. Armstrong had died suddenly about seven o'clock. While it was known that Mr. Armstrong was very ill at the Safford hospital, where he had been for a week, suffering from an attack of lung congestion, it was not believed that it would terminate fatally, but complications of heart trouble developed which failed to respond readily to treatment. Although he spent rather a restless night Wednesday, no apprehension was felt about his condition by the attending nurse. About seven o'clock yesterday she entered his room to give him medicine and finding him sleeping peacefully, decided not to wake him, but a few minutes later, hearing a noise in his room she went in and found him lying dead. The doctor was summoned and arrived almost immediately. Meanwhile a strong heart stimulant was given by the nurse, but all efforts to revive him proved futile, as life had left his body almost instantly.

The saddest feature of Mr. Armstrong's death is the absence of his wife, who, with their son and his wife, is on an ocean trip in the Panama Canal zone, and although every effort is being made to communicate with her, it will be several days before any message from her can be received here. In the last letter Mr. Armstrong received from his wife, she stated that they would sail from Port au Prince, Hayti, September 22, (today) and the messages were sent to her there.

Mr. Armstrong came to Safford about seven years ago from Clifton, where he had been assistant store manager of the Arizona Copper Co., and took over the management of the Safford store of the Solomon Commercial Co., and after the death of Mr. Freudenthal on the evening of last May, he assumed the management of the company's store at Solomonville also.

In the death of Mr. Armstrong, this town has lost not only a good business man, but a good citizen; one who took an active interest in every movement for the betterment of the community and was one who gave freely to the financial support of every public work. He was president of the Graham County Chamber of Commerce and also a member of the local Masonic lodge, besides other organizations.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS STUDY COLORADO RIVER HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANS

FLAGSTAFF, Sept. 21.—The hydro-electric development of the Colorado river in Arizona must eventually come and cannot be much longer delayed according to a statement issued here today by Arthur P. Davis, director of the United States reclamation service, who, with other government officials and prominent engineers had just completed a trip by boat down the river from Hall's Crossing, Utah, to Lee's ferry. Late today several members of the party left to inspect the site of the Diamond Creek dam. After that there will be a trip of inspection down the river to Needles.

The men comprising the party of notables, who were guests of Flagstaff business men at luncheon today, are, besides Mr. Davis, Herman Stahler, chief engineer of the land classification board of the United States geological survey; Col. C. H. Birdseye, chief engineer of the topographic branch of the same United States department; H. W. Dennis, chief construction engineer of the Southern California Edison company; Charles F. Kahler, electrical engineer of the Union Pacific; E. C. Larue, hydraulic engineer, United States geological survey; Lewis R. Freeman, noted lecturer and writer of Pasadena, Cal.; R. E. Caldwell, Utah state engineer, and his state's representative on the Colorado river commission; Clarence C. Stetson, assistant to Secretary of Commerce Hoover; Franklin Thomas professor of civil engineering at the California institute of Technology; John A. Didstoe, former president of Utah state university and R. D. Young, irrigation experts of Richfield, Utah.

SEARCHING FOR MISSING MEXICAN

Sheriff Bradberry has been scouring the surrounding country for a Mexican named Teodoro Lopez who is wanted in Clifton for an assault on another Mexican named E. de la O, on the night of the primary. Following an altercation Lopez mounted a horse on Chase Creek and taking down his lasso roped de la O around the neck and dragged him through the street. The injured man has been practically unconscious since that time. Lopez made his escape and is believed to be in hiding in the hills. His father resides at the mouth of Sardine Creek.

County School Superintendent, Mrs. Jessie Lloyd Johnson, visited the Metcalf schools on Tuesday of this week.

BRYAN WILL SPEAK FOR STATE TICKET OCTOBER THIRD

In a communication under date of September 18th Hon. W. J. Bryan, three times candidate for President, on the democratic ticket and former Secretary of State, conveyed his congratulations to ex-Governor Hunt on his personal victory in the Democratic primary and his even greater victory for Democracy.

In his communication Mr. Bryan conveyed the information that he would be in Phoenix to speak on Tuesday, October 3rd, in behalf of the candidacy of Senator Henry F. Ashurst. Mr. Bryan said it would also add to the pleasure of his visit to be able to speak for the ex-Governor and the entire democratic ticket.

A meeting is being arranged for Mr. Bryan for the afternoon of October 3rd in time for him to leave on the six o'clock train for Ash Fork.

Mr. Bryan's letter and ex-Governor Hunt's reply follow:

"My dear Governor:
Accept my congratulations upon your great personal victory and your still greater victory for Democracy. I have promised Senator Ashurst to speak for him at Phoenix as I return East. As he may not be there I wish you would say to his committee that I expect to leave here on the afternoon of October 2nd. I can speak there on the afternoon of October 3rd, and must leave at about 6:00 p. m. for the East via Ash Fork.

Of course it will add to the pleasure of my visit to be able to speak for you and the rest of the ticket. Please confer with Senator Ashurst's committee and with yours and let me know at 1520 Ogden Drive, Hollywood, Los Angeles, whether the date is satisfactory.

With regards to Mrs. Hunt and good wishes for you both, I am Very truly yours,
W. J. BRYAN"

"Hon. W. J. Bryan,
1520 Ogden Drive,
Hollywood, Los Angeles.
Dear Friend:

I wish to assure you of my gratification in receiving your letter of congratulations on my victory in the primaries. The best news, however, in your letter is that you will be here on the afternoon of October 3rd. I am sure this will be gratifying news to all of the Democracy of Arizona. While I am not now in touch with Senator Ashurst's committee, will take it for granted that it will be acceptable to them.

I am leaving this evening for the southern part of the State, but you will be advised later by the committee which will take charge of the meeting.

I am, with kind regards,
Yours very sincerely,
GEO. W. P. HUNT"

RECURRENCE OF I. W. W. ISM NOTED IN STATE

The red card is thickly dotting the landscape along the double track construction work on the Santa Fe through Mohave county. Before the mines closed down Mohave county had pretty well rid itself of the I. W. W., which used to infest it in great numbers. But hundreds have flocked back on construction work, and the cards are multiplying in number. A returned state official said that there are probably 700 I. W. W.'s in the vicinity of Kingman.

And they are making no bones about it. They have opened headquarters on a conspicuous street in Kingman where they meet to discuss the irrepressible conflict and whence literature is distributed—Arizona Republican.

GRAHAM COUNTY ROAD NEARING COMPLETION

The four mile link of highway in Graham county connecting with the Clifton-Safford State Highway is nearing completion and will be finished next week. Morgan Merrill is the contractor.

J. R. Jones, cashier of the Bank of Duncan, was in the county seat on Thursday on business. He reports construction work on the new creamery at Duncan progressing satisfactorily.

DEMOCRATS FROM DUNCAN

H. B. Lovett and Jim Carter, Democratic Central Committeemen from Duncan precinct, drove up from Duncan with W. T. Witt, democratic candidate for sheriff, to attend the Democratic Central Committee meeting at the Y on Thursday evening.

James A. Moreland and wife of Eagle Creek spent several days in Clifton this week visiting friends.

SLAYER LAUGHS AT JURYMEN AS THEY FILE OUT

PRESCOTT.—A verdict of guilty of first degree murder with a recommendation for death sentence was returned at 2:55 o'clock this afternoon by the jury in the case of William E. Acker, charged with the murder of Iver Enge. The jury was out a little over two hours. Judge Sweeney set Friday morning, Sept. 29, at 10 o'clock as the time for passing sentence.

The trial of William E. Acker, charged with the murder of Iver Enge, closed at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon, when Judge John J. Sweeney of the superior court concluded his instructions to the jury and gave them four forms of verdicts, one of which they were to fill out and return.

During the concluding argument by County Attorney John L. Sullivan, who led the prosecution for the state, the defendant sat with a half smile playing over his lips. When the jury walked out of the box to begin their deliberations, he laughed.

PROTEST AGAINST TAKING CAVALRY FROM BORDER

Vigorous protest against the order issued Thursday by the war department which replaces the cavalry troops stationed at Camp Harry J. Jones near Douglas on the Arizona border with three companies of infantry was made yesterday in telegrams sent to President Harding and Secretary of War Weeks by Governor Thomas E. Campbell.

That such an order had been issued became known yesterday morning in the governor's office upon receipt of a telegram from George F. Buxton, president of the Douglas chamber of commerce and mines, appealing to the governor on behalf of the citizens of Douglas for assistance in securing the rescinding of the order and the retention of the cavalry troops on the border.

The order, in addition to replacing the cavalry with infantry, reduces the number of troops stationed at this point on the border from approximately 1100 men to less than 250. It also orders that Camp Harry J. Jones be dismantled and salvaged except for equipment sufficient to house the battalion of infantry. The cavalry regiment is to be moved upon the arrival of the three companies of infantry from Nogales.

Wires Harding and Weeks

The governor's messages to President Harding and Secretary of War Weeks were identical with the exception that in the telegram to the latter, the governor requested the secretary to reconsider the order. The message to the President read as follows:

"Am just advised that the First Cavalry regiment stationed at Camp Harry J. Jones, Douglas, Ariz., has been ordered to Texas and is being replaced with three companies negro infantrymen. The situation on the Arizona border in my opinion is of such nature as to necessitate the maintenance of a degree of protection which by the very nature of the border country cannot possibly be afforded by infantrymen in limited numbers. On behalf of the protection of Arizona citizens I must protest against this action and urge upon you the importance of reconsideration to the end that adequate force of cavalry consisting of at least one full regiment be maintained at Douglas. I would earnestly bespeak the use of your good offices with the secretary of war looking toward his rescinding this order which very naturally resulted in a feeling of grave apprehension among the citizens of this important and strategic point."

DOUGLAS, Sept. 25.—Postponement of the removal of the First Cavalry regiment from camp Harry J. Jones, which was to march to Marfa, Texas, upon the arrival of Twenty Fifth Infantry from Nogales was ordered by General Hines, eight corps area commander, in a wireless message to General W. H. Hay this afternoon. The regiment was packed up and ready to leave when the cancellation orders were received.

The orders to march to Marfa were received last Friday and since then there has been a determined effort on the part of the border cities to retain the soldiers at the local camp. While there is no indication of revolutionary activities in Sonora it was deemed advisable to retain a cavalry force near the border because of the nature of the country.

Mr. G. H. Tuttle of Hill's Addition is sporting a new Studebaker light six roadster which he purchased from the Mountain Auto Company recently.

AMERICAN LEGION HAS 2183 MEMBERS NOW IN ARIZONA

The second annual convention of the Arizona Department of the American Legion concluded a most interesting session at Douglas last week. The convention was attended by delegates from the various Posts of the state and was in session for three days during which time the Legion members were addressed by Governor Thos. E. Campbell, Ex-Governor Geo. W. P. Hunt, and the National Vice President of the Legion.

Cleora Stoddard, of Phoenix was elected State Commander outdistancing Dan Awgus of Bisbee on the second ballot.

The Grand Canyon was selected as the meeting place for the 1923 convention.

According to D. A. Little, of Phoenix, department adjutant, the state organization now has 2183 members enrolled, a loss of 475 members over a similar date last year. The adjutant pointed out, however, that 38 other states have showed like losses during the past twelve months.

Despite the decrease in membership several posts in the state show increases in enrollments. Among the legion posts cited by the adjutant for commendable work in increasing their organizations were Winslow, Wilcox, Ajo, Clarkdale, Bisbee, Jerome, Nogales, Springerville, Chandler, Nogales (colored) and Tucson (colored).

One new post, Mr. Little said, has been organized in the state—the Chas. S. Fisher post at Whipple Baracks. Steps have been taken for the organization of posts at Duncan, Cooley and Fort Huachuca.

Mr. Little in making his report to the convention said that the state department has co-operated in every way with the national organization in pushing through the adjusted compensation measure.

Report on Constitution

Andrew P. Martin, of Tucson, chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee, presented his report, this morning, signed by eight other members of the committee. The report, proposing to amend four sections of the constitution, was carried, after some discussion in the hall.

The amendments follow:
"ARTICLE 2, SECTION 1.—The legislative body of the organization shall be a department convention, to be held annually on a date at a place to be fixed by the vote of the preceding convention; or in the event that the preceding convention does not determine the time and place, then such time and place shall be determined by the department executive committee as hereinafter provided. Provided that notices of such selection must be given each post of the department at least three months prior to the opening date of the convention."

"ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2.—The annual convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates from each post in the state. Each of said posts shall be entitled to two delegates and two alternates and to one additional delegate and alternate for each fifth member or fraction thereof paid up thirty days prior to the date of said department convention. Provided, however, that each post may send delegates fractional votes. The vote of each post shall be equal to the total number of full delegates to which that post is entitled. Provided, however, that each post department commander and each member of the department executive committee shall be an ex-officio delegate with powers of a regularly elected delegate."

"ARTICLE 3, SECTION 6.—The department historian shall preserve and maintain all records, annals and history of the American Legion, department of Arizona, and shall have charge of all literary work and shall perform such duties as shall be properly required of him by the department executive committee."

"ARTICLE 5, SECTION 2.—Department and national dues of the American Legion, department of Arizona, for bona-fide new members joining the legion on or after July 1st, and prior to October 1st, of any year shall be one-half of one year's department dues, and in addition the national dues as provided by the national constitution. Bona-fide new members joining the legion on or after October 1st, and prior to December 1st, of any year shall pay \$2.50 which shall pay the department and national dues of such member until December 31st of the succeeding year."

REPRESENTED GREENLEE COUNTY

John K. Chilton, who was elected Saturday national as a member of the State Democratic Central Committee from this county, left Sunday morning to attend the meeting of the state committee in Phoenix on Monday. Mr. Chilton was the only member attending from this county but carried with him the proxies of the remaining six members of the state committee who are A. R. Lynch, R. L. Bailey, J. J. Rascoe, W. E. Lutz, S. A. Foster, and George Smith.

County Assessor R. J. Coleman was in Duncan on official business the early part of this week.

REPUBLICANS OPEN HEADQUARTERS AT CENTRAL HOTEL

The Republican campaign in this county was officially opened on Saturday evening last when the County Central Committee met in one of the parlors of the "Y" building, in conjunction with the county candidates, and proceeded to the election of a chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and members of the Republican State Central Committee. The new officers of the Republican Committee who will serve for the ensuing two years, are:

J. L. Adams, Clifton, chairman.
McHenry Mosier, Morenci, Secretary.

Elmer Swanson, Clifton, Treasurer.
The Greenlee county members of the Republican State Central Committee, elected by the County Committee at its first meeting Saturday night last, included:

A. A. Anderson, Morenci; Elmer Swanson, Clifton; F. L. Coates, Metcalf; F. L. Adams, Clifton; Chester Davidson, Morenci.

At the meeting on Saturday night there was a good attendance of both candidates and Committeemen, twenty-two being present in person.

The Republicans will have no candidate on their ticket for Assessor. Although George Reitzer was nominated at the primary election for this office he has since declined to make the race.

The Republican ticket in this county, other than precinct officers, will consist of Dell M. Potter, for the Senate; W. C. Crauford, of Morenci, for Representative in the Legislature; Mrs. Joe Terrel, Clifton, Representative in the Legislature; G. A. Franz, Clifton, Sheriff; L. E. Rice, Morenci, Treasurer; T. M. Titterton, Morenci, Recorder; Ambrose Spezia, Clifton, Supervisor District No. 1.

Republican headquarters were opened this week on the East Side in the Central Hotel building. Thos. S. Smith, candidate for Justice of the Peace of Clifton, is in charge of the headquarters.

PHOENIX, Sept. 25.—Judge P. D. Overfield of Casa Grande, today was re-elected chairman of the Republican state central committee at its convention in the Adams hotel here. Roy Davidson of Yavapai county, and Dr. John Bennett, Jr., of Phoenix, were also re-elected as secretary and treasurer respectively of the committee.

P. D. CORP. PUTTING ON FEW MEN AT HUMBOLT

Chief Consulting Engineer Le Grande, of Phelps Dodge Corporation, is in the district this week, on a trip of inspection to the power plants here and at Morenci.

J. O. Ambler, superintendent of the smelter, is back on the job following a swing around the state on a visit to the various smelting plants. Rod McDougall, superintendent of motive power, has returned to Morenci from a business trip to Nacozari.

Manager Hodgson reported this week that a few additional miners had been put on at the Humboldt.

The above meagre items may be said to be the gist of the news for the week relative to movement of P. D. officials, and operations, but the ERA is advised unofficially that on the occasion of the recent visit of President Walter Douglas and General Manager Beckett with Manager Hodgson, the trio were out several lead pencils making figures and estimates along a certain line of proposed activity for this district.

Our informant, who swore us to secrecy, said the consultation reached the "lead pencil stage", which was an encouraging sign.

Capt. Hodgson stated this week that nothing definite had been decided upon and that operations for the present would go forward as usual, although when pressed for something more definite, said: "we may know more sometime during October."

OVERLAND FROM PASADENA

G. A. Franz and D. D. Boyle arrived in Clifton on Friday last driving through from Pasadena, California, in two days and a half. Messrs. Franz and Boyle went to Pasadena by rail and returned in a Hudson roadster. They returned by the shortest route, Los Angeles to Blythe thence to Phoenix, Miami, Safford and Clifton.

HERE FROM SAN DIEGO

Mrs. T. D. Elred, mother of Mrs. P. R. Riley, is here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Riley from San Diego.

Muss Cosper, rancher of Sheldon was a Clifton business visitor on Tuesday of this week.

A. R. LYNCH TO LEAD COUNTY DEMOCRATS IN CAMPAIGN FIGHT

Hon. A. R. Lynch, President of the Ward For Governor Club during the primary campaign, will now head the Democratic organization in this county, as County Chairman, and lead the fight to uphold the Democracy of Greenlee county by the election of the Democratic ticket from top to bottom.

The adjourned meeting of the County Democratic Committee was held at the "Y" building Thursday evening and was also attended by a number of the county candidates and other democrats interested in the success of their party.

Among those present were J. J. Rascoe, George Smith, W. E. Lutz, Morenci; P. Riley, A. L. Terry, L. F. Sweeting, W. B. Kelly, E. R. Shortridge, John Chilton, George Martin, R. Kain, S. L. Awalt, Ben Fehrman, H. A. Elliott, L. N. Callicotte, A. R. Lynch, Clifton; J. E. Evans, H. B. Lovett, Jim Carter, B. F. Billingsley, Duncan; J. F. McGrath and J. E. Wilkins, Franklin.

The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman, P. Riley, and on Motion of J. E. Wilkins, of Franklin, A. R. Lynch was unanimously elected county chairman, likewise A. L. Terry for Secretary and George Martin for Treasurer.

Chairman Lynch on motion proceeded to appoint an executive committee of the organization as follows: P. Riley, John K. Chilton, W. B. Kelly, George Martin, W. E. Lutz, J. J. Rascoe and J. D. Wilkins.

Later when the meeting had resolved itself into a party council, on motion of W. B. Kelly, the following candidates were named as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee: W. W. McMillen, Alex. Arnet, J. F. McGrath and H. A. Elliott.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Joe Deck, Mrs. Pearl Hill, John Chilton and J. D. Wilkins, with power conferred upon the committee to add thereto, was named to organize a Hunt For Governor Club in this county.

During the evening short talks were made by A. R. Lynch, W. B. Kelly, Hon. H. A. Elliott and Hon. J. F. McGrath, each speaker pledging support for the entire Democratic ticket.

John K. Chilton, who represented this county at the meeting of the State Democratic Committee at Phoenix last Monday gave a brief account of the meeting at the state capital. The State Committee elected Vernon L. Vaughn, of Phoenix, State Chairman; L. B. Whitney, of Phoenix, secretary; and R. N. Fredericks, of Prescott, Treasurer. Four vice-chairmen were also chosen by the committee: Miss May Johnson, of Tucson; Mrs. P. J. Farley, of Prescott; Mrs. Theodore Marsh, of Nogales and Phil Merrill, of Pima.

Mr. Chilton brought back with him from Phoenix a letter received by the State Committee from James S. Douglas, who is at present in New York City, in which Mr. Douglas pledged his support to the entire Democratic ticket. The letter was read as follows:

"Of course I am disappointed that Mr. Ward was not nominated for Governor but he promised to support Mr. Hunt if the latter got the nomination. I for one, and I hope that all delegates to the Tucson conference, will vote in conformity with the promise of the candidate who was recommended at Tucson but who was defeated.

"I feel sure that Mr. Hunt will be our next Governor and will give us a better and more economical administration of our State affairs.

"I am for Hunt and the whole Democratic ticket."

(Signed) JAS. S. DOUGLAS.

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Clifton Parent Teachers Association will meet Wednesday, evening at 7:30, at the Auditorium. After the meeting there will be an informal reception for the new teachers. All members are requested to be present.

SUPERINTENDENT FROM PILARES HERE

Everett Leland, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. M. Reardon, and superintendent of Mines for the Mochisuma Copper Co., at Pilares, Mexico, was here on a visit Saturday en route east on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Progress Reports From Around the State

PHOENIX.—Business conditions practically unchanged, but improvement expected in fall. Condition of Salt River Valley Pima cotton crop satisfactory, with 37,000 bales in sight. Considerable building activity, with several apartment houses going up. Contract for completion of Arizona Deaconess hospital just awarded. Building permits issued in August totaled \$109,985, as compared with \$137,082 in July.

Mr. Harding seems to enjoy being president. At any rate he always smiles when he is having his picture taken.